THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.22941 OF 2005

Dt:26.10.2005

Between:

P.S.M.Rao and others

.. Petitioners

and

The A.P.S.R.T.C. and another

.. Respondents

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ORDER:

The petitioners are employed as Conductors in A.P.S.R.T.C. They have been posted in Tenali Depot. Through an order, dated 06.10.2005, the Regional Manager, Guntur, the first respondent, transferred them to Piduguralla Depot, on the ground that they became surplus in Tenali Depot. The petitioners challenge the same.

Sri S.M.Subhan, the learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the first respondent transferred the petitioners, though several juniors to them are retained at Tenali. He submits that as long as the conductors, who are juniors to the petitioners, are being continued at Tenali Depot, they cannot be treated as surplus.

Sri R.Manmadha Reddy, the learned standing counsel for the respondents, on the other hand, submits that the transfer is almost an internal arrangement, that too, within the same district and the petitioners cannot have any valid grievance. He contends that the other conductors, who are said to be juniors to the petitioners, are ladies, and that the petitioners cannot compare themselves with the lady conductors.

Through the impugned order, the first respondent transferred the petitioners to Piduguralla Depot, which is in the same district. In para '5' of the affidavit, the names of certain conductors, who are said to be juniors to the petitioners, are furnished. However, all of them are lady conductors. In the matter of posting and transfers, the male conductors cannot compare themselves with the women conductors. If any male conductors, who are juniors to the petitioners, are being continued at Tenali Depot, the petitioners can certainly point out the same to the first respondent through a representation.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, leaving it open to the petitioners to make a representation to the first respondent pointing out the names of any male conductors,

who are juniors to them in Tenali Depot. If such a representation is made, the first respondent shall examine the matter and pass appropriate orders within fifteen (15) days thereafter. There shall be no order as to costs.

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26.10.2005

Note: Issue C.C. in three days

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